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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Victoria J. FREEMAN

Group Art Unit: 3714

Application No.: 09/640,369

Examiner: Steven L. Ashburn

Filed: August 17, 2000

Docket No.: 0065292

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONDUCTING A COMPETITION USING A
DIVIDED LITERARY WORK

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2002. A petition for a 3-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is hereby requested, and authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0220 in the amount of \$460.00 for this purpose. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15, 18, and 22 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for conducting a competition in conjunction with advertising, comprising the steps of:
- dividing a literary work comprising a correctly ordered sequence of words into a plurality of distinct parts, each part having readily identifiable means for determining the correct sequence of words in the literary work;
 - creating a plurality of playing pieces, each piece comprising one of the distinct parts;
 - distributing the plurality of playing pieces to members of the public; and

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